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Sir:

Submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner are:

- 1) An English version of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability; and
- 2) An English version of the Written Opinion of the International Searching

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International application No. PCT/JP2005/002416	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 17 February 2005 (17.02.2005)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 18 February 2004 (18.02.2004)
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
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Box No. I

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 18	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1 - 18	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 18	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: WO 03-021529 A (Given Imaging Ltd), 13 March 2003, full text, all drawings & JP 2005-501630 A & US 2003-045790 A1 & EP 1428178 A2

- Claims 1-18

Document 1 describes an endoscope system for imaging the interior of a body, comprising an imaging device capable of moving in the body for imaging the interior of the body and obtaining a plurality of images of the interior of the body and a means for acquiring position and orientation data of the imaging device corresponding to the plurality of images of the interior of the body, for generating a single mosaic image from the plurality of images of the interior of the body and from the position and orientation data of the imaging device.

However, correcting predefinable movement in the interior of the body and correcting deformation of predefinable portions in the interior of the body is neither described in document 1 nor is it obvious to a person skilled in the art.